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## Dear Bill.

in answer to your letter of March 7 about changing your proposal for the Lynn Springs Springs quarry from a large mine to a small mine, I will shift gears in the Environmental Assessment (EA) process to a quarry of five acres or less. I think I need to tell you again that the Forest Service EA and associated permitting process for large and small mines (Utah State definition) is about the same. The difference comes when we are permitting a very large mining operation. The difference you will see for your now smaller operation is in the bond size. A five acre operation will require a smaller bond than a fifteen acre one. You will need to submit a new Plan of Operation with the five acre limit concept as soon as possible. I have enclosed a blank form. Hopefully there will be few changes other than the reduced size. That way I will have to make minimal changes to the Draft EA I now have in hand. It now may be well into late summer before the EA process is complete for Lynn Springs.

We, you, me and Lynn, will have to meet at Lynn Springs to determine what presently open areas you want to reclaim to get to the five acre maximum size. With this information I can progress further on the EA and determine what is going to be needed for a bond at the new reduced size. Lets plan on getting together by early April.

Let me know if you need copies of any of the Plan of Operations you have already provided to me and I will FAX them to you.

Sincerely.

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